



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

According to OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 2012

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## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

### Product Identifier

Product name: Chromium Trioxide

### Other means of identification

Synonyms: Chromic acid; Chromium VI oxide; Chromic anhydride; CA Ultra

### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Product Use Description: Surface treatment Intermediate Catalyst Laboratory use

### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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CHEMTREC Emergency Response Number: 1-800-424-9300 (+1-703-527-3887  
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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### Classification

### OSHA Regulatory Status

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Acute Toxicity - Oral	Category 3
Acute Toxicity - Dermal	Category 2
Acute toxicity - Inhalation (Dusts/Mists)	Category 2
Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1 Sub-category A
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1
Respiratory sensitization	Category 1
Skin Sensitization	Category 1
Germ Cell Mutagenicity	Category 1B
Carcinogenicity	Category 1A
Reproductive toxicity	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)	Category 1
Oxidizing solids	Category 1

### Label Elements

## EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Danger

**Hazard Statements**

Toxic if swallowed  
Fatal in contact with skin  
Fatal if inhaled  
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled  
May cause an allergic skin reaction  
May cause genetic defects  
May cause cancer  
Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child  
Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure  
Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects  
May cause fire or explosion; strong oxidizer

**Appearance:** Flakes**Physical state:** Solid**Odor:** Odourless**Precautionary Statements - Prevention**

Obtain special instructions before use  
Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
Wear respiratory protection  
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing  
Wash hands thoroughly after handling  
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace  
Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. — No smoking  
Wear fire/flame resistant/retardant clothing  
Keep/Store away from clothing/ incompatible /combustible materials  
Avoid release to the environment

**Precautionary Statements - Response**

IF exposed or if you feel unwell: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician  
IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician  
IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower, Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse  
Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician  
IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing, Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician  
IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician, Rinse mouth  
Do NOT induce vomiting  
In case of fire: Use Water spray, fog or regular foam for extinction, Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)  
In case of major fire and large quantities: Evacuate area. Fight fire remotely due to the risk of explosion

**Precautionary Statements - Storage**

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed  
Store locked up

**Precautionary Statements - Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)****Other Information**

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

**Formula**  $O=(Cr)(=O)=O$ 

Components	CAS-No	Weight %
Chromium trioxide (CrO3)	1333-82-0	100%

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES****FIRST AID MEASURES**

<b>General Advice</b>	Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Inhalation:</b>	IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If breathing has stopped, apply artificial respiration. Call a physician immediately.
<b>Skin contact:</b>	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water. Call a physician immediately.
<b>Eye contact:</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician immediately.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately. Do not induce vomiting without medical advice. If victim is fully conscious, give a cupful of water. If swallowed, seek medical advice immediately and show this SDS or label. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
<b>Protection of first-aiders:</b>	Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

**Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

**Most Important Symptoms/Effects:** Burning. Risk of serious damage to eyes. Difficulty in breathing. Dizziness. Drowsiness. Coughing and/ or wheezing. Abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea. May cause serious damage to health. Circulatory collapse. Weakness. Increased pulse rate. Coma. May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.

**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

**Notes to physician** Treat symptomatically.

**5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES****Suitable extinguishing media**

Use Water spray, fog or regular foam for extinction  
Carbon dioxide (CO2)

**Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons**

None

**Special exposure hazards arising from the substance or preparation itself, combustion products, resulting gases**

Explosive when mixed with combustible material Containers may explode when heated

**Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:**

Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions

**Hazardous combustion products:**

Chromium oxides

**Explosion data****Explosive properties:**

May cause fire or explosion; strong oxidizer

**Reactivity Hazard:**

Explosive when mixed with combustible material

**Special protective equipment for fire-fighters**

In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES****Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures****Personal precautions**

Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Use personal protective equipment.

**Other Information:**

See Section 12 for additional information.

**Environmental precautions****Environmental precautions:**

Do not allow material to contaminate soil or ground water system. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Do not allow any environmental contamination. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

**Methods and material for containment and cleaning up****Clean-up methods:**

Do not create a powder cloud by using a brush or compressed air. Take up with a HEPA vacuum or mechanically and collect in suitable container for disposal. Do not use combustible materials for containment or clean-up. Clean contaminated surface thoroughly. Prevent product from entering drains. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE****Precautions for Safe Handling****Handling:**

Do not breathe vapours/dust. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Wear personal protective equipment.

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities****Storage conditions**

Keep containers tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Keep product and empty container away from incompatible materials.

**Additional Storage:**

Keep away from heat and sources of ignition

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION****Control parameters****Exposure Guidelines**

Components	ACGIH TLV	AIHA TLV	OSHA TWA	IDLH:
Chromium trioxide (CrO <sub>3</sub> ) 1333-82-0	TWA: 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>			

Components	OSHA PEL (8h TWA)	OSHA Action Level (8h TWA)	OES - Short-term STEL
Chromium trioxide (CrO <sub>3</sub> )	0.005 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Cr(VI)	0.0025 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Cr(VI)	

### Appropriate engineering controls

#### **Engineering Measures**

Maintain adequate engineering controls and/or ventilation to keep hazardous ingredients below their statutory limits. Use an approved respirator whenever exposure limits are exceeded. It may be necessary, dependent on the user's assessment of process employed to undertake a program of monitoring to demonstrate that statutory exposure limits are not exceeded.

### Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

#### **Eye protection**

Wear chemical goggles and full face shield appropriate for risk of exposure. Tightly fitting safety goggles.

#### **Skin and body protection**

Footwear and protective clothing should be selected according to the risk of exposure.

#### **Respiratory protection:**

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators.

#### **Hand protection**

Use chemical resistant gloves.

#### **Hygiene measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Wash hands and face before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

## **9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical state:</b>	Solid
<b>Appearance:</b>	Flakes
<b>Odor:</b>	Odourless
<b>Color:</b>	dark red
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No data available

<u>Property</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Remarks / • Method</u>
<b>pH</b>	1 (1% solution)	
<b>Melting point/range:</b>	385 °F / 196 °C	
<b>Freezing point:</b>	No data available	
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	Not applicable	
<b>Flash Point</b>	Not applicable	
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	No data available	
<b>Explosion limits:</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor pressure</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor density</b>	No data available	
<b>Density:</b>	2.7 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	
<b>Water solubility</b>	Water Soluble (62.5% @ 20 °C)	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No data available	
<b>Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water</b>	No data available	
<b>Autoignition temperature</b>	No data available	

<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	No data available
<b>Viscosity:</b>	No data available
<b>Explosive properties:</b>	May cause fire or explosion; strong oxidizer
<b>Oxidizing Properties</b>	May cause fire or explosion; strong oxidizer

**Other Information**

<b>Molecular weight:</b>	100
<b>Percent Volatile:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Bulk Density</b>	1360 - 1440 kg/m <sup>3</sup>

**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY****Reactivity**

May cause fire or explosion; strong oxidizer. These are strong oxidizers and will react vigorously or explosively with many materials including fuels

**Chemical Stability**

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

**Possibility of Hazardous Reactions**

See reactivity above

**Conditions to Avoid**

Heat, flames and sparks. Exposure to moisture

**Incompatible Materials:**

Metals; Reducing agents Organic materials Readily oxidizable materials

**Hazardous Decomposition Products**

No decomposition if stored normally; At high temperatures: Chromium oxides.

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Information on likely routes of exposure**

<b>Inhalation:</b>	Fatal if inhaled. May cause irritation of respiratory tract.
<b>Eye contact:</b>	Causes burns. Risk of serious damage to eyes.
<b>Skin contact:</b>	Fatal in contact with skin. Causes severe burns.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Toxic if swallowed. May cause burns to mouth throat and stomach.

**Product Information** See below**Component Information**

Components	LD50/Oral	LD50/Dermal	LC50/inhalation
Chromium trioxide (CrO <sub>3</sub> ) 1333-82-0	52 mg/kg (Rat)	57 mg/kg (Rabbit)	217 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Rat/4h)

**Information on Toxicological Effects****Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure**

<b>Corrosivity</b>	Causes severe burns. Risk of serious damage to eyes.
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<b>Sensitization</b>	May cause sensitization by skin contact. May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled
<b>Mutagenic effects</b>	May cause genetic defects.
<b>Carcinogenic effects:</b>	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

Components	ACGIH	IARC	NTP	OSHA
Chromium trioxide (CrO <sub>3</sub> ) 1333-82-0		Group 1	Group A - Known to be human carcinogens	Cancer hazard

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child

**Developmental Toxicity** Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.

#### Chronic Toxicity

**Chronic toxicity:** Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure

**Target Organ Effects:** Eyes, Skin, Liver, kidney, and respiratory system, Central nervous system (CNS), Reproductive system.

**Other Adverse Effects:** No information available.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Product Information** See below

#### Ecotoxicity

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Components	LC50	EC50	Bioaccumulation Concentration Factor	No Observable Effect Concentration/96hr/48hr/24hr (NOEC)
Chromium trioxide (CrO <sub>3</sub> )	37.5 mg/L (Pimephalus Promelas; 96hrs)	0.035 mg/L (Daphnia magna; 48hrs)		60 mg/L (Daphnia magna; 21 days) 0.11 mg/L (Pseudomonas fluorescens; 7 days)

#### Persistence and degradability:

Hexavalent chromium may react with particulate matter or pollutants to form Cr (III). In general, Chromium is removed from the atmosphere through wet and dry deposition.

#### Bioaccumulative potential:

Does not bioaccumulate

#### Mobility:

No data available

#### General Note:

Do not allow product to reach ground water, water course or sewage system. Danger to drinking water if even small quantities leak into the ground.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

#### Waste treatment methods

**Waste from residues / unused products** Do not contaminate ponds, waterways or ditches with chemical or used container Dispose of in accordance with Local and National regulations

**Contaminated packaging** Should be disposed of in accordance with Local and National regulations

**RCRA Hazardous Waste:**

**RCRA:** Characteristic Waste - D007 (Chromium)

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**U.S. Department of Transportation Ground (49 CFR):**

**UN-No:** 1463  
**Proper shipping name:** CHROMIUM TRIOXIDE, ANHYDROUS  
**Hazard Class:** 5.1 (6.1+8)  
**Subsidiary Class** 6.1, 8  
**Packaging group:** II  
**Reportable Quantity (RQ)** 10  
**Marine pollutant:** YES

**International Air Transportation (ICAO/IATA):**

**UN-No:** 1463  
**Proper shipping name:** CHROMIUM TRIOXIDE, ANHYDROUS  
**Hazard Class:** 5.1 (6.1+8)  
**Subsidiary Class** 6.1, 8  
**Packing group:** II

**International Maritime Organization (IMO/IMDG):**

**UN-No** 1463  
**Proper Shipping Name** CHROMIUM TRIOXIDE, ANHYDROUS  
**Hazard Class** 5.1 (6.1+8)  
**Subsidiary Class** 6.1, 8  
**Packing Group** II  
**EmS:** F-A, S-Q  
**IMDG - Marine Pollutants :** Yes

**Surface Shipments in Europe (ADR/RID):**

**UN-No:** 1463  
**Proper shipping name:** CHROMIUM TRIOXIDE, ANHYDROUS  
**Hazard Class:** 5.1 (6.1+8)  
**Packing group:** II  
**Hazard Labels:** 5.1+6.1+8  
**Environmental hazard mark:** YES

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**International Inventories**

**USA (TSCA):** In Compliance  
**EU (EINECS):** In Compliance  
**REACH** Chromium Trioxide is subject to the REACH Authorization process and has been listed on Annex XIV of REACH  
**CANADA (DSL)** In Compliance  
**JAPAN (ENCS):** In Compliance  
**PHILIPPINES (PICCS):** In Compliance  
**KOREA (KECL):** In Compliance  
**China (IECSC)** In Compliance  
**AUSTRALIA (AICS):** In Compliance  
**NEW ZEALAND (NZIoC):** In Compliance  
**TAIWAN (NECSI):** In Compliance

**Legend**

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory



**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

**REACH** - Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals

**DSL/NDSL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

**ENCS** - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances

**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

**IECSC** - China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

**NECSI** - Taiwan Inventory of Chemicals

### **Federal Regulations**

OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1026 Hexavalent Chromium

### **SARA 313**

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product contains a chemical or chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

Components	EPCRA (SARA Title III) Section 313 Toxic Chemical
Chromium trioxide (CrO3) 1333-82-0	Listed

### **SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories**

Reactive Hazard

Acute Health Hazard

Chronic Health Hazard

### **CWA (Clean Water Act)**

This product contains the following substances which are regulated pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42)

Components	U.S. - CWA (Clean Water Act) - Reportable Quantities of Designated Hazardous Substances	Toxic Pollutants	Priority Pollutants	Hazardous Substances
Chromium trioxide (CrO3) 1333-82-0	10 lbs	Present	Present	Present

### **Clean Air Act:**

Components	Hazardous Air Polutants
Chromium trioxide (CrO3)	Present

### **CERCLA**

This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

### **TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification**

Components	TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification
Chromium trioxide (CrO3) (CAS # 1333-82-0)	Section 6 (0.1%) see 40 CFR 749.68

### **State Regulations (RTK)**

#### **California Proposition 65**

This Product contains the following substance (s) known to the state of California to cause cancer and/or developmental effects.  
Chromium (hexavalent compounds)

**Canada**

**WHMIS hazard class:** C Oxidizing materials  
E Corrosive  
D1A Very toxic materials  
D2A Very toxic materials  
D2B Toxic materials

This MSDS has been prepared according to the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.

**16. OTHER INFORMATION****HMIS: ®**

**Health:** 3 \*  
**Flammability:** 0  
**Physical Hazard:** 2

**Previous Revision Date:** Not applicable

**Key/Legend:** N/A: Not applicable  
N/D: Not determined  
ppm: Parts per million  
X: Listed

**Prepared by** Product Stewardship

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**End of Safety Data Sheet**